

SILVER MEN MEET.

Convention of Advocates of Free Coinage in Michigan.

Lansing, Mich., Jan. 18.—A convention of the advocates of free coinage of silver at the ratio of sixteen to one, made up of delegates of both democratic and republican parties was held here Thursday, and the field canvassed for the formation of a party and the polling of a gubernatorial ticket in the field.

Resolutions were adopted providing that in case neither the republican nor democratic party adopt a platform and nominate candidates positively pledged to the treatment of gold and silver on absolute equality as to coinage at the ratio now provided by law, then it is to be recommended that all friends of free silver in all parties join in the organization of an independent party to secure the full restoration of silver to its former place in the standard money of the United States.

Resolutions also provide for the appointment of a committee of one from each congressional district to call a convention for the organization of such a party as soon as possible after the old parties have held their conventions, if they fail to meet the full expectations of the free-silver men. This committee will be organized at the conference of the free silver men here Thursday came Friday in the selection of a committee to create a new state committee of three members from each congressional district to undertake the work of forming the new party in case the old party platforms and candidates are disappointing.

WON'T GIVE HIM UP.

Gov. Rich Convicted of the Innocence of a Man Wanted in Oklahoma.

Lansing, Jan. 21.—Officer John A. Hanson, who came all the way from Perry, O. T., for John V. N. Gregory, a banker of Dexter, Mich., and a former member of the legislature of this state, left for home empty-handed Monday night. Gregory was indicted for receiving money for deposit in the First State bank of Perry, of which he was advertised president, although knowing the institution to be insolvent. He proved to the satisfaction of Gov. Rich that he was first apprised of the fact that he was an officer of the bank when notified that indictments had been returned against him, and that, so far as having any knowledge of the offense charged to have been committed last September, he had not been in Oklahoma since the spring of 1894. On this showing extradition papers were refused.

Two Boys Burned to Death.

Midland, Jan. 20.—About two o'clock Wednesday afternoon two little sons, aged two and four years, of Lewis Sanger, of Hubbard, were burned to death together with the house and contents. The father was away from home, and the mother locked the children in while she went to call on a neighbor. A few moments later the house was discovered to be on fire, but the fire had gained such headway that all efforts to rescue the boys were useless.

Want Holland Harbor Dredged.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 16.—Congressman Smith, of Michigan, has offered a joint resolution in the house directing the secretary of war to spend \$50,000 in dredging the harbor of Holland, Mich., and in rebuilding the piers protecting the harbor. The resolution recites the fact that the piers protecting the important harbor are being undermined and washed away, involving a large loss to the government and danger to property and life.

Fire in Michigan Car Works.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 18.—The car department of the Michigan-Peninsular car works, at the corner of Ferry and Russell streets, a building 240 by 400 feet, together with 1,500 car wheels, was destroyed by fire Friday morning, causing a loss of \$35,000, which is fully covered by insurance. The foundry and machine departments were saved with difficulty. Two hundred men are thrown out of work temporarily.

Detroit Crook Arrested.

Montreal, Ont., Jan. 16.—George Barris, alias George Lyle, a Detroit crook, and a man named Rouch, a horse thief, have been arrested here for robbing Boudreau's furniture store of \$100 worth of goods. Lyle served five years in the Michigan state prison, and with a man named Howard robbed Dr. Elliott in Indianapolis two years ago. On that occasion Howard was shot dead.

Will Leave Detroit.

Detroit, Jan. 20.—Rev. W. H. Davis, for the past 12 years pastor of the First Congregational church, has accepted a call from the Elliot church, of Newton, Mass., and will leave Detroit, February 10. The Newton church is said to have one of the wealthiest congregations in the country.

Free Delivery for Benton Harbor.

Benton Harbor, Jan. 18.—This city is to have free mail delivery after April 1. The business done amounts to \$15,000 a year. Four carriers will be employed.

MONROE DOCTRINE.

Senate Committee Divided on the Davis Resolution.

Text of the Majority Report—It Declares That Any Extension of Foreign Dominion on This Continent Is a Menace to Us.

Washington, Jan. 21.—Senator Davis (rep., Minn.), from the committee on foreign relations, reported yesterday a preamble and resolution on the Monroe doctrine as follows:

Resolved, by the senate, the house of representatives concurring, that Whereas, President Monroe, in his message to congress on December 2, Anno Domini 1823, deemed it proper to assert as a principle, in which the rights and interests of the United States are involved, that the American continents, by the free and independent condition which they have assumed and maintained, were thenceforth not to be considered as subjects for future colonization by any European power;

And whereas, President Monroe further declared in that message that the United States would consider any attempt by the allied powers of Europe to extend their system to any portion of this hemisphere as dangerous to our peace and safety; that with the existing colonies and dependencies of any European power we have not interfered and should not interfere; but that with the governments who have declared their independence and maintained it, and whose independence we have on great consideration and just principles acknowledged, we could not view any interposition for the purpose of oppressing them, or controlling in any other manner their destiny, by any European power, in any other light than as the manifestation of an unfriendly disposition towards the United States, and further reiterated in that message that it is impossible that the allied powers should extend their political system to any portion of either continent without endangering our peace and happiness.

And, whereas, the doctrine and policy so proclaimed by President Monroe have since been repeatedly asserted by the United States, by executive declaration upon occasions and exigencies similar to the particular occasion and exigency which caused them to be first announced, and have been ever since their promulgation and now are the rightful policy of the United States.

Therefore be it resolved, That the United States of America reaffirms and confirms the doctrine and principles promulgated by President Monroe in his message of December 2, 1823, and declares that it will assert and maintain the doctrine and those principles and will regard any infringement thereof and particularly any attempt by any European power to take or acquire any new or additional territory on the American continent, or any island adjacent thereto, or any right or sovereignty or dominion in the same, in any case or instance as to which the United States shall deem such attempt to be dangerous to its peace, or safety, or by or through force, purchase, cession, occupation, pledge, colonization, protectorate, or by control of the easement in any canal or any other means of transit across the American isthmus, whether under unfounded pretension or right in cases of alleged boundary disputes, or under any other unfounded disposition toward the United States, and as an interpolation which it would be impossible, in any form, for the United States to regard with indifference.

Report Not Unanimous.

The concurrent resolution was placed on the calendar, Senator Gray (dem., Del.), a member of the committee on foreign relations, stating that the report was not an unanimous one. The resolution heretofore offered by Senator Sewell (rep., N. J.) placing limitations on the Monroe doctrine and condemning the president's message on the subject was taken up and Senator Sewell addressed the senate upon it.

The Sewell Resolution.

Senator Sewell talked for a long time in support of his resolution and argued that Mr. Cleveland's position was far in advance of what was contemplated in the Monroe doctrine, and that the effect of it would be the establishment of a protectorate over Mexico and over each of the South American and Central American states. No action was taken on Senator Sewell's resolution.

A BIG FLEET.

England's Flying Squadron Ready to Sail Under Scaled Orders.

Portsmouth, Jan. 18.—The flying squadron, consisting of the battle ship Revenge, flag ship, Rear Admiral Alfred T. Dale; the battle ship Royal Oak, the first-class cruisers Gibraltar and Thesus, and the second-class cruisers Charybdis and Hermione, together with six first-class torpedo-boat destroyers, assembled at Spithead at noon Friday. It is reported that the destination of this squadron, after leaving Bantay bay, Ireland, will be the Bermudas.

Family in Prison.

Sioux City, Ia., Jan. 21.—District Judge Laid on Monday sentenced Alfred, Jacob and L. H. Graham, Jr., and their mother, Mary E. Graham, to 15 months each in the penitentiary for the robbery of freight cars. The family will be greeted on their arrival at the penitentiary by L. H. Graham, Sr., and his son Joseph, who are already there for burglary. The other son, James, is at the state industrial school.

Noted Divine Dead.

New York, Jan. 21.—Rev. Dr. Thomas Armitage, pastor of the Fifth Avenue Baptist church in this city, died Monday morning at Yonkers, N. Y. He was one of the best-known Baptist preachers in the country and was highly esteemed. He was born in England in 1819.

Theological Author Passes Away.

Bangor, Me., Jan. 21.—Prof. Daniel S. Talcott, a widely known author of various standard theological books, died Sunday, aged nearly 80 years. For many years he was a member of the faculty of the Bangor Theological seminary.

Dies of a Broken Heart.

Lima, O., Jan. 20.—Miss Mary Jones died from a broken heart, caused by her brother's forgeries, which will amount to \$50,000, and the death of her father, who brooded over his son's disgrace.

FRANK LAWLER DEAD.

Ex-Congressman and Prominent for Years in Chicago Politics.

Chicago, Jan. 18.—Frank Lawler, congressman and a member of the common council, a unique politician of local and national reputation, died of heart disease at his home Friday afternoon, within an hour of being attacked with what he termed a "stitch in the side." He had spent the last night of his life until an early hour Friday morning at a big ball which he had been the leader of for the help of the poor of his ward, and did not rise until nearly noon. He died surrounded by his wife and five children, and the news of his sudden end was received in political and business and labor union circles with heartfelt regret. At the ball "Our Frank,"



HON. FRANK LAWLER.

as his host of friends in all walks of life called him, was as merry as the youngest pleasure-seeker, and it is believed exertion in behalf of charity hastened his death.

Chicago, Jan. 21.—The funeral of Hon. Frank Lawler Monday morning was accompanied by the largest popular and official demonstration of a civic character since the funeral of Carter Harrison. Thousands came to the humble family home and to the church on foot and in carriages, at least 20,000 people assembling on the streets. In the funeral cortege were 800 carriages, six being loaded with floral offerings. City policemen, firemen, letter carriers, grand army veterans, civic officials, policemen, past and present, secret societies and the Democratic Marching club also followed the remains and the mourning family to the church and cemetery.

RICH FIELDS ARE OURS.

None of the Gold-Bearing Section of Alaska Is in the British Territory.

Washington, Jan. 21.—The rich gold discoveries of Forty-Mile creek in Alaska belong to the United States, and not to Great Britain. The 141st meridian of longitude has been actually determined by an employe of the British government and properly marked at certain places. Gen. Duffield, the chief of the coast survey, says it shows that but 16 miles of the creek as the bird flies and 23 miles as the water flows is in British territory, and that in this portion no gold has been discovered. All the remaining portion of the creek and that in which gold has been discovered is in Alaska, and belongs, therefore, to the United States. A bill has been introduced in congress providing for the appointment of commissioners to fix the boundary, but it has not yet been acted upon.

AWFUL DOUBLE TRAGEDY.

Masked Robbers Hang a Tennessee Farmer and Beat Out His Wife's Brains.

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 18.—A letter from Flynn's Lick, in Jackson county, brings news of a horrible double murder committed near that place. Five masked men entered the house of Joseph Day, an old farmer, who was reputed to have money hidden away, and demanded the secret of his treasure. Day refused to give it up, and after numerous threats was taken out of doors and hanged to a tree. The brutes then attempted to make Mrs. Day tell where the money was hidden, and when she refused beat her brains out with a club. They then ransacked the house, but failed to find the money. No arrests have been made.

Venezuela Boycotts England.

Caracas, Venezuela, Jan. 21.—The press and people of Venezuela have declared commercial war against England. The newspapers publish daily this notice in display type: "To the People: Whoever buys English products increases the power of Great Britain." For two months from January 15 the press will give daily the names of Venezuelan and foreign merchants dealing in any manner with England or her colonies.

Death of a Famous Cartoonist.

Conjohara, N. Y., Jan. 20.—Bernard Gillam, the famous cartoonist, died suddenly at 3:25 o'clock Sunday morning at his home here. He was 35 years of age. Death was caused by a heart clot, resulting from a severe attack of typhoid fever.

Fasted Many Days.

Dayton, O., Jan. 20.—Mrs. Isaac Gephart, of New Carlisle, died Friday after a voluntary fast of 22 days. She ate her last meal Christmas day. Her act was caused by reading a book on Christian science. Her husband is a farmer.

Indian Chief Drowned.

Muskegon, I. T., Jan. 20.—Gov. Egartheber, of the Creek nation, was drowned while trying to cross the deep fork near here. The boat was swept down the stream by the current, and, striking a log, was overturned.

Burned by White Caps.

Lima, O., Jan. 17.—White caps ordered W. M. Hertel to discharge a colored employe in his factory near this city. He did not do so and all his property was burned.

FROM WASHINGTON.

What Our Lawmakers Are Doing at the Nation's Capital.

Summary of Daily Proceedings in the Senate and House—Important Measures Under Consideration by the Legislators.

Washington, Jan. 16.—Senator Mills' speech on finance, with frequent direct criticisms of the president and secretary of the treasury, was the main feature of yesterday's session of the senate. Senator Peffer followed with a speech against bonds and in favor of silver coinage.

Washington, Jan. 17.—In the senate yesterday the silver bill was further discussed. The Monroe doctrine also received attention in a resolution by Senator Seward (N. J.) declaring the limitations of the doctrine and stating that President Cleveland's attitude was an extension of the doctrine beyond its original scope. A resolution was adopted requesting the state department for further information on Turkish-Armenian affairs. Senator Hale (Me.) spoke in favor of a Pacific cable connecting the United States and Hawaii and expressed the opinion that the annexation of the Hawaiian islands to the United States was certain to be accomplished at an early day.

Washington, Jan. 21.—Two opposing phases of the Monroe doctrine were present in the senate yesterday—one by Senator Davis (Minn.), from the committee on foreign relations, favoring a strong reaffirmation of the doctrine, and another from Senator Sewell (N. J.), urging that the doctrine had been carried so far beyond its scope as to threaten dangerous consequences.

THE HOUSE.

Bills Introduced and Petitions and Resolutions Presented.

Washington, Jan. 16.—Another day was consumed by the house yesterday in oratory upon the pension appropriation bill, in the course of which the policy of the present administration towards the veterans was scored by both republicans and democrats and defended by two or three democrats.

Washington, Jan. 17.—In the house yesterday the time was occupied in discussing the pension appropriation bill.

Washington, Jan. 18.—In the house yesterday the pension bill was passed. It carries \$141,325,820, about \$50,000 less than the estimate. Petitions were presented for the retirement of greenbacks and treasury notes. A bill was introduced declaring bicycles baggage for purposes of interstate commerce and requiring all railroads to carry them as baggage. The free home bill, which is practically a revival of the homestead law, was favorably reported. Adjourning to Monday.

Washington, Jan. 21.—In the house yesterday the military academy appropriation bill (\$449,547) was passed. A bill was introduced to make Lincoln's birthday, February 12, a legal holiday. Resolutions were offered for the recognition of belligerent rights of the Cubans, and to revise the grade of lieutenant general of the army for the benefit of Gen. Miles.

MAY SOON ACT.

Recognition of the Cuban Insurgents by the President Said to Be Imminent.

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 21.—Congressman Benton McMillin reached the city Monday night from Washington, and in an interview with him concerning Cuban affairs he said he had good grounds for the statement that President Cleveland, in a few days, will send a message to congress recognizing the Cubans as belligerents. Mr. McMillin says he is satisfied this will be done, and that the rumors connecting England with the purchase of Cuba are bringing matters to a crisis. Mr. McMillin spoke with positiveness in regard to the early recognition of the revolutionists.

Worse Than Expected.

Boston, Jan. 20.—In a letter just received from Rev. E. N. Barnum, D. D., of Harpoon, eastern Turkey, where the property of the American board was burned, he says that reports have been secured from 176 villages in the vicinity of Harpoon. Those villages contained 15,400 houses belonging to Christians. Of those 7,054 have been burned and 15,845 persons have been reported killed. Dr. Barnum adds: "The reality, I fear, will prove to be much greater."

Bayard Explains.

Washington, Jan. 21.—A communication was presented to the house from Ambassador to England Bayard relative to the speeches he delivered at Edinburgh, Scotland, in which he says he was incorrectly reported, that he spoke without premeditation or notes and had no means of correcting the reporters, and he asks for fair treatment by the house.

Will Convene at Milwaukee.

Washington, Jan. 21.—E. H. Rand, of Wisconsin, a member of the executive committee of the National League of Republican Clubs, has received a letter from Secretary Dowling authorizing the holding of the next convention of the league at Milwaukee, August 25, 26 and 27.

Will Demand Indemnity.

Johannesburg, Jan. 17.—President Kruger will demand of England \$5,000 indemnity on behalf of the relatives of each Boer killed in the recent fight with Dr. Jameson's raiders.

Big Check for Vassar.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Jan. 21.—Miss Helen Gould has sent a check for \$5,000 to Vassar college to found a scholarship in memory of her mother.

GOOD SHOWING BY BANKS.

No Failures of State or National and But Three of Private Institutions.

Lansing, Jan. 20.—In his report for the last calendar year Theodore C. Sherwood, commissioner of banking, says there was not a failure of a state or national bank in Michigan during the year. There were three failures of private banks, and the commissioner urges that the law be amended so as to compel the private institutions to use their individual or firm name, and no longer be allowed to use such names as "City bank," etc., which serve only to deceive the public.

In spite of the business depression the deposits in state banks increased \$7,114,148.47 in 1895, aggregating \$66,262,439.02 at the close of the year. This total is \$1,662,259.73 greater than in December previous to the panic, and \$725,569.37 greater than in May, 1893, when they were at the highest point previous to the panic. The national bank deposits in the state at the close of 1895 were \$38,981,634.14, an increase of \$871,108.33 for the year, but a decrease of \$6,776,221.38 from the total on December 9, 1892. There were ten less national banks to report in 1895, however.

As the total deposits of state and national banks December 13, 1895, less amount due to banks and bankers, were \$102,244,772.16, the gain over 1893 was \$16,514,621.35, while they were but \$3,113,981.65 below the figures for December, 1892, when they reached the highest point in the history of banking in Michigan. The commissioner points to this fact as an evidence of the rapidly with which this state is recovering from the effects of the panic of 1893.

At the close of the year there were 171 state banks and three trust companies in Michigan. The total expenses of the banking department were \$9,076.82, and the total receipts \$8,332.81.

DICKINSON SPEAKS FOR CUBA.

Urges the Immediate Recognition of the Insurgents by the United States.

Detroit, Jan. 19.—Don M. Dickinson Saturday night delivered a strong plea for the recognition of the Cuban insurgents as belligerents before an enthusiastic meeting of the Manufacturers' club and other citizens of Detroit. Gen. Russell A. Alger presided. It was evidently the unanimous sentiment of the business men present, both from patriotic and commercial considerations, that the Cubans should be encouraged in their struggle for liberty. Lengthy resolutions were read by Secretary Campbell, of the Manufacturers' club, and were unanimously adopted. The resolutions declared that since the Cubans had adopted a constitution and organized a civil government, the continuance of present conditions in Cuba inflict grave injury upon the United States and call for the immediate consideration of congress. Gen. Alger also offered a further resolution requesting President Cleveland to send a ringing message to congress recommending the recognition of Cuban belligerency, which was adopted by the main resolutions.

END OF A LEGAL BATTLE.

Michigan Man Defeated by a Railway Company After Twenty Years.

Decatur, Jan. 20.—Twenty years ago Norman Secord, then a resident of this county, was injured on the Chicago & West Michigan railway. He instituted suit against the railway company for \$20,000 damages and was awarded a judgment for \$5,000 in the circuit court. The company carried the case to the supreme court, which tribunal has just handed down a decision reversing the verdict and denying a new trial. During the time the personnel of the court has changed three times, and only one of the original judges—Judge Thomas M. Cooley—is living. The plaintiff removed to Texas years ago.

Walked In on the Ice.

Bay City, Jan. 19.—Arthur Clarkson, the ball player, reached this city safe and sound Saturday night. He and two friends went out ice boating Thursday morning, and were not heard from till Saturday. They were wind-bound on Saginaw bay two nights, and finally had to leave their boat and walk about 20 miles to shore. They suffered from cold and hunger.

Grand Rapids Poultry Show.

Grand Rapids, Jan. 21.—The first annual exhibit of the Michigan Poultry association opened Monday. About 100 exhibitors have made entries, and the number of birds shown exceeds 1,000, including nearly every known variety. The show will last all the week.

A Queer Mania.

Decatur, Jan. 20.—John Aikenkosen, a Berrien county farmer, who fed his family for the past year on dried apples and partly cooked meat to prolong their lives 200 years, has been adjudged insane and will be confined until he becomes more reasonable in his beliefs.

Urges Reed to Act.

Detroit, Jan. 21.—Mayor Pingree has wired Speaker Reed asking him to call a vote on the question of the United States recognizing the Cubans as belligerents. The mayor and Reed are both from Maine and old friends.

Assessed Property Tax Low.

Bay City, Jan. 19.—Birdseye Knight, one of the 23 supervisors indicted by the grand jury for assessing property below its true cash value, was found guilty Saturday evening. An appeal to the supreme court will be taken.

Caught in Colorado.

Kalamazoo, Jan. 18.—Fred Keys, the missing treasurer of Burr Oak lodge, No. 1, O. O. F., of this city, is under arrest at Colorado Springs, Col., and will be brought back. His alleged shortage is \$600.

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A PRELATE VINDICATED.

Protest Against Bishop Williams Ignored at Grand Rapids.

Grand Rapids, Jan. 17.—The standing committee of the West Michigan Episcopal diocese met here Thursday to pass upon the elections of bishops. Those in attendance were: Rev. Drs. Campbell Fair, of this city; Bancroft, of Hastings; Brown, of Battle Creek, and Claiborne, of Kalamazoo; and Laymen J. D. Burns, of Kalamazoo; C. E. Wilkes, of Allegan, and F. A. Gorham, of Grand Rapids. The election of Bishops Satterlee, of New York; Johnson, of Detroit; Burton, of Louisville, and Garrett, of Northern Texas, were confirmed without question. Then the case of Bishop G. Mott Williams, of Marquette, was taken under consideration. The diocesan report and the certified report from the Marquette diocese of the election was first read, and then the protest against Dr. Williams and the report of the Marquette diocesan standing committee were opened after a brief discussion. A ballot was taken, and Dr. Williams was confirmed, so far as this diocese is concerned, by a unanimous vote.

SENSATIONAL CASE.

Millionaire Sparrow Desires That His Sister Be Declared Insane.

Lansing, Jan. 21.—Lansing is all agog over a sensation in high life. Edward W. Sparrow, the wealthiest man in the city, whose interests in pine and mineral lands are said to be worth nearly \$1,000,000, has brought an action in the probate court to have his sister, Miss Henrietta Sparrow, declared insane. Monday the matter was brought up before Judge Cowles, and the courtroom was crowded to its doors. Mr. Sparrow testified that his sister had been afflicted with epilepsy, that she had had brain fever and had suffered from erysipelas. He relates for the first time a story to the effect that in 1893 his sister commenced a suit against Porter Palmer, of Chicago, for \$5,000 damages, claiming that she had been insulted by an attack of the Palmer house, who ordered her out of the parlor.

DIED WORTH MILLIONS.

Mrs. Clara McAdow, Who Made a Fortune in Western Mines, Passes Away.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 20.—Mrs. Clara A. McAdow, aged 58 years, died at her residence here Sunday morning from a complication of diseases after an illness which lasted nearly six months. She was the wife of Hoyt A. McAdow and was a Michigan woman. She and her husband went to Montana many years ago and invested in mines, one of which, "Spotted Horse," proved a bonanza. She returned to Michigan some years ago and settled in this city. She represented Montana on the board of woman managers of the world's fair in 1893. The gold for the base of the famous \$80,000 silver statue at the fair was taken from one of Mrs. McAdow's mines and was contributed by her. Mrs. McAdow leaves a fortune estimated at \$2,000,000.

Convention of Photographers.

Detroit, Jan. 18.—The Michigan Photographers' association completed its business Friday afternoon, and the members left the city. The convention was successful. Officers were elected as follows: President, Clarence M. Hayes, of Detroit; first vice president, C. E. Heath, of Grand Rapids; second vice president, E. Stewart Tray, of Jackson; secretary, J. E. Watson, of Detroit; treasurer, A. C. McMichael, of Detroit. The officers constitute the executive committee.

Charles McCabe Dead.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 20.—Charles McCabe died at St. Mary's hospital Saturday morning of heart failure. Mr. McCabe came to Detroit in 1862 to act as Great Western passenger agent on the boats in the Detroit river. Later he became district passenger agent for the same road, and then he went west and became traveling passenger agent for the Missouri Pacific. In later years he became a newspaper man, being identified with local papers.

Mutinous Convicts Fought Guilty.

Jackson, Jan. 18.—Convicts Curley, Boot and Hundley, who assaulted and nearly killed Deputy Warden Northrup and badly injured two other officers November 26, were found guilty under the new law of assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder. Whatever sentence may be imposed will be added to their present sentences.

A Hunter Shoots Himself.

Allegan, Jan. 18.—William Bowser, aged 18, of this city, while hunting rabbits, slipped from a log and fell, causing the discharge of his gun. The contents entered his head, causing instant death. For a pain in the chest a piece of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bound on over the seat of the pain, and another on the back between the shoulders will afford prompt relief. This is especially valuable in cases where the pain is caused by a cold and there is a tendency toward pneumonia. For sale by L. H. Hunt & Co. Druggists.

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REGISTRATION.

Rev. J. A. F. FOSTER, PASTOR.

Divine Worship at 10:30 a. m. Sabbath School at noon.

Christian Endeavor Society. Sabbath, 7:30 p. m.

Vesper Service, Sabbath, 7:30 p. m. Praying meeting Thursday evening 8:30 p. m.

Teacher's Meeting, Thursday, 8:30 p. m. All are cordially invited to attend the services.

RELICS OF HANSE MERCHANTS.

A Museum Full of Curious Remnants of the Old Baltic League.

But one of the most interesting places was the Hansatic house, or museum, which stands in the Fingergade, on the Tychostræde, and which is the last remaining habitation occupied by that notorious ring of German traders who settled down in Bergen, Norway, in the fourteenth century and monopolized its commerce for some 200 or 300 years, until its power was finally broken in the eighteenth century. All the other houses have been burned or otherwise destroyed, and this was the only one left standing.

We climbed up to a room in the second story, about 8 or 15 feet above the ground, and here were shown a large number of curious articles formerly used by these old merchants. There were scales and weights, the latter being of two sorts—curious articles formerly used by these old merchants. There were scales and weights, the latter being of two sorts—curious articles formerly used by these old merchants. There were scales and weights, the latter being of two sorts—curious articles formerly used by these old merchants.

Then, through a dark, rickety stairway, we continued our climb to the third story and were shown the merchants' business office and the apartments for the clerks and bedrooms for all. These last were the most curious of the whole suite, for the beds were constructed like the berths of a ship and are closed on one side with a hinged or sliding door, while on the other shutters open as a passage beyond to enable the female domestics to make the beds without entering the men's rooms. The Hansatic community was supposed to be strictly celibate in order to prevent its members from intermarrying with the natives, and thus allowing the natives to obtain a share of the monopolized trade.—Boston Transcript.

Claims a Minuteman Cure.

Signman, Jan. 18.—H. H. Haller, an invalid, for three years so helpless that he could scarcely move a limb, has recently had four visions of miraculous cure, and in the last one he was informed that he would walk Thursday. This he did with the aid of his wife. He considers it a faith cure, but his physicians ridicule the idea.

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HERE AND THERE.

Find Friday's Famous Felt. Mrs. M. B. Hine is quite seriously ill. Slab wood \$1.15 at E. R. Quick & Co's. Mrs. Hatch is visiting in Grand Rapids. Get your Sunday chicken at Newt Coon's. L. N. Sale all this week at A. W. Weekes. R. D. Stocking went to Byron Center Monday. All kinds of spectacle repairing at U. B. Williams'. C. J. Church, of Greenville, was in town Monday. Pork sausage made fresh every day at Newt Coon's. Ladies and Gents overgates 75c and \$1.00 at Findlay's. A fine assortment of cases at Yetter's furniture store. Chris Bergin keeps only the best, they are his specialties. Oak Pole, \$1.35 a cord, best wood at E. R. Quick & Co's.

The cheapest place to buy Hardware is at R. Quick & Son.

Mr and Mrs. G. A. Bangs are visiting friends in Marquette.

Mrs. A. C. Sherman is spending a few weeks in Grand Rapids.

January meeting of the board of supervisors closed Saturday.

Mrs. R. W. Swayze visited in Grand Rapids, the first of the week.

Wood and kindlings delivered.

W. J. BAKER & SON.

David Magill will attend the Poultry show at Grand Rapids, Thursday.

Mrs. Ida Woods, of Grand Rapids, spent Sunday with Mrs. R. Swayze.

W. J. Beech and Maple \$1.50 a cord, of E. R. Quick & Co.

You will look a long time before you find any good goods at C. Bergin's.

Allice Court is suffering from a severe attack of inflammation of the eye.

Coal, the best in 2, 4 or ton lots at \$5.00 per ton, of E. R. Quick & Co.

Born to Mr and Mrs. Frank Lee, of Grand Rapids, Jan. 18th, a daughter.

Nelson Rogers sold a hog to John Bergin, Saturday, which weighed 710 lbs.

James Brandebery, of Howard City, is in town visiting his many old friends.

Mrs. I. M. Eddy, of Detroit, spent last week with her aunt, Mrs. J. McPherson. Born Monday, Jan. 20th, to Mr and Mrs. E. W. Tarleton, a son, weight 10 lbs.

Lost: A pair of gold eye glasses, one were broken. Please leave at this office.

Mrs. R. W. Graham is visiting her daughter, Mrs. V. J. Oberauer, at Detroit.

Beech and Maple wood \$1.50 Oak Pole wood, \$1.35 Oak Slab \$1.15 Coal in 2, 4 or ton lots \$5.00 E. R. Quick & Co.

W. H. Fox, who went over to Clarksville last fall and opened a meat market, has sold his business there and thinks some of going to Ovid. Success go with him wherever he goes.

Rev. Moses Gabriel, of Kalamazoo, will occupy the pulpit at the Baptist church next Sunday morning and evening. Mr. Gabriel is a pleasant speaker and will fill the church at both services.

Jan. Kirk, of Chicago, was in town over Sunday. Jim has been living in Chicago since the fall but is contemplating a trip to Alaska to see what the country is like and for the sake of the change.

Mrs. Hiram Gregory was called Sunday morning early, to the bedside of her father, Wm. Stinson, who was stricken with a congestive chill. Mr. Stinson is quite an aged man and his illness is, in consequence, more serious.

There will be a social at the home of Mr and Mrs. Wayne Pardee next Friday evening. It will be an illustrated poem social, the illustrations will be in the form of tableaux and preparations are being made to make them nice.

The Northern Pacific Railroad Land Department's World's Fair Product car will be in Grand Rapids Monday and Tuesday Jan. 27 and 28. The car contains samples of all sorts of products from every state traversed by this road.

Rev. C. N. Armstrong will deliver an illustrated temperance lecture at the Keene M. E. church Sunday Jan. 26th, entitled "Black Valley Railroad." Mr. Armstrong has delivered this lecture over 200 times as he was formerly State lecturer of Minn. for the W. C. T. U. and State prohibition society. Mr. Armstrong is a very pleasing speaker and will have a full house.

The trustees of the Snow M. E. church of Cascade, have got the wall built and put a box in the N. E. corner containing the following articles: A copy of the Holy Bible, a copy of the deed to the lot and a copy of each of the following newspapers: The Michigan Christian Advocate, Lowell Journal, Grand Rapids Herald, Grand Rapids Democrat, Lowell Ledger, and Practical Farmer.

M. Goldberg, of Grand Rapids, was the guest of Dr. Towley last week and took in the "Hard Times" party.

New stores at nearly 34 hand prices and had hands above at most scrap prices at R. Quick & Co's.

The ladies of Mrs. Willard's Ten will have a cake sale in the west window of the Post Office, Saturday, Jan. 25th.

Lost: A days work between the Cong'l church and Bergin's store. Return to Frank McMahon and receive reward.

The Vergennes club party last Thursday night was largely attended. The club is proving a little bonanza to its founders.

The 95-96 club gave a "Poverty Party" at Music Hall last Wednesday night. Most of the costumes were unique to say the least.

Geo. McWilliams of Grand Rapids, gave a couple of days last week with Phil Althaus and took in the "Hard Times party."

Mrs. E. E. Smith, of Minneapolis, who has visited her father, Thos. Gardner, and other friends here, started for home last Thursday.

Mrs. M. E. Simpson returned Saturday to her home in Ionia, after spending a few days with her parents, Mr and Mrs. Chas. Althaus.

Mrs. Ned Cummings returned to her home in St. Louis City, Monday, after spending a few weeks with her parents, Mr and Mrs. Earl Avery.

Mr and Mrs. F. Braisted spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr and Mrs. R. Van derhoff and family, also visited Mr and Mrs. Wooding, of Cascade.

Mr and Mrs. W. S. Winegar gave a progressive pedro party last Wednesday evening, sixteen tables were in play. A very pleasant evening was had.

Several Lowell boys attended the Leap Year party at Saranac last Friday night. They say the Saranac girls know how to look after a fellow intervener.

Mrs. Cora Godfrey, of Lake Odessa, visited friends here the first of the week, enroute for a visit with her parents, Mr and Mrs. Geo. H. Godfrey, in Oakfield.

The Earth produces 5th Ave. Coffee BARBER & CRAV.

500 lbs \$1.25; 1000 lbs \$2.50; 2000 lbs \$5.00; the best hard coal in town. Cheap, 'n't it but it's all we charge. E. R. QUICK & CO.

Geo. Hunter, Geo. Mesecar, Frank Tidd, Frank and Arthur McMahon, and Geo. Crawford all attended the dance here last Friday night.—Saranac Local.

The Junior Christian Endeavor of the Congregational church, held their social at Mrs. Orton Hill's last evening. A very pleasing program was listened to by a large crowd.

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CONGRESSMAN, WILLIAM ALDEN Sperry is rapidly taking form and shape. His currency bill is being designed to put a stop to the constant depletion of the treasury's gold reserve, has met the approval of the best financiers in both branches of Congress and brought him an invitation to contribute an article on "National Finance" in the Financialist and has brought him prominently before the business and banking circles of the country, while his speech before the committee favoring the recognition of Cuban independence has earned him the country at large. The Journal takes great pride in watching the career of our congressman.

THE REPORT TO THE N. Y. Herald from Cincinnati that Foraker would be a candidate for the Presidency and contested McKim's right to the Ohio delegation is received with doubt by the country. McKim has warm friends and ardent supporters all over our broad land and while they would, with good grace ac-

cept the choice of the St. Louis convention, they would not tolerate any other candidate from Ohio. Senator Foraker is an able man, but he must stand aside. If any Ohio man is nominated it must be McKinley.

CONGRESS TAKES THE TRUE AMERICAN POSITION and the true American position to keep their hands off in American matters. The Davis resolution takes advanced ground and gives notice that the United States will not permit the acquisition, either by purchase or conquest of additional territory by European countries in either North or South America.

THAT THE SILVER MASS CONVENTION held at Lansing last Thursday fell pretty flat. The same old game who have engineered the various fiascos in years past were there whooping it up. The men who run that convention discredit the movement for better roads, and they would hesitate a long time before joining with them in any movement.

THE FRODO HAVE forced the disruption of Grover's bond syndicate and the new loan will be a popular loan by the true citizens of our Country.

Good Roads.

Executive Office, Lansing, Jan. 6, 1890.

To the People of the State of Michigan, Greeting.

Within the last few years great interest has been manifested in our highways and the movement for better roads has already borne fruit in some localities in our State, and in some of our sister States, it has shown much greater results. This is as it should be, yet it must be admitted that the improvement in this direction has not kept pace with our advancement as a nation, and the time has come when a change for the better should be made.

That better roads and a better system of making and maintaining them would promote the best interests of our people, and that there are many different opinions among those who wish to arrive at the same result.

Believing that a conference of those interested in this subject would prove of material benefit to our state, and in response to the urgent request of numerous citizens of the State from localities widely separated, a "Good Roads Convention" is hereby called to meet in the Hall of the House of Representatives, at the Capitol, in Lansing, on the third day of March, 1890, at 10 o'clock p. m. It is hoped the attendance will not be confined to few well-to-do, but that there may be a general attendance of representative citizens from every portion of our State. The subject is one well worthy of discussion in the press, and in organizations having for their object the promotion of the best interests of our State and its people.

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The Lowell Dist. Hort. Society. The regular meeting of the Lowell District Horticultural Society was held at Music Hall last Saturday and a very interesting meeting was had, much interest and a good crowd. President J. E. Lee tendered his resignation which to the regret of the Society, but his private business as required all his attention and E. E. Church was elected in his stead, probably from eating a concentrated yeast on through mistake. The funeral was a solemn occasion and a real grave, with real flowers and sincere mourners.

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Can get a Tender, Juicy Steak cut from young cattle
you need is to ask for a nice roast of veal and it can get it
KNOW
we keep the best Oysters on the market
THE PLACE
your orders with us and get meats at reasonable prices
IS AT
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Such shoes
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suit
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WEST SIDE SHOE STORE.
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We Bought them to Sell
They Have Got to Go!
IF YOU, YOUR COUSIN, OR YOUR AUNT
think of a new stove just call on us and see
HOW CHEAP THEY ARE!
Axes, Saws and Seasonable Hardware
AT BOTTOM PRICES.
Ruben Quick & Son.

Lucas Barker & Co. the new furniture dealer of 41-43 Monroe St., Gd. Rapids, have in this short time, they have built a name for selling the finest furniture at the lowest prices the Furniture City offers. Call and see them in the city.

The "White Ribbon" ladies will give a ten cent tea at the home of Mrs. Willard, Friday, Jan. 18th. Mrs. Willard resides in the Merriman house, 1st door south of J. McNaughton's. Every body invited who likes a good time. Bill of fare. Supper and good time.

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"BUY WHERE YOU CAN BUY THE CHEAPEST AND SELL WHERE YOU CAN" doesn't have the force with the American people that it did before the experiment of a democratic administration and democratic system of tariff was tried. What have all these high sounding catch phrases brought us? We have lived through the greatest business depression our country has ever known. Through not through, but are living it down and making the best of it waiting eagerly for the time when the affairs of this Nation can again be put on a prosperous basis.

One of the stock arguments used to catch the farmer vote was "Open the markets of the world, if it empowers English labor to make the goods we want, we will have to feed them and that will give the American farmer a better price for his produce." Has it? Is there the farmer today who is getting better prices than before this unfortunate experiment? As for the employment furnished to the possible English consumer of our products he is living on the fat of the land, his wages are no higher than before but, he doesn't consume more when his prospective employers are fully employed. But the fact is he is not in much better condition than before, the demand for labor is mostly in the British textile factories and the wages in them have not yet reached a living rate, as the following taken from a letter of J. L. Bradburn & Co., worsted spinners of Bradford England to the president of the guardians of the poor for Sheffield plainly shows:

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MRS ARCHIE McMILLAN
Terribly Hurled by a Gasoline Explosion. Reported for Her Recovery.

Last Wednesday Mrs. Archie McMILLAN of this place but residing now in Jackson, was frightfully burned by an explosion of gasoline. She lit the gasoline fire, but as it did not burn properly she removed the tank from the stove, probably to fill it, when suddenly it took fire in her hands igniting her clothing. She threw the burning can out of doors and ran to her bedroom, where Archie was sleeping for help. He immediately wrapped her in blankets, smothering the fire. Mrs. McMILLAN is dangerously burned but hopes are entertained for her recovery. She was badly burned about the upper body but her face and head escaped the flames except a small piece on her chin, one ear and a slight burn on her forehead.

Mr. McMILLAN was seriously burned in extinguishing the flames, both hands and one leg, his left hand is burned to the bone, literally scalded and he suffers a great deal from the pain. Mrs. McMILLAN is more or less under the influence of morphia so does not suffer so much.

Mr and Mrs McMILLAN feel very grateful for their Lowell friends for their expressions of sympathy and kind offers since their painful accident. And the Lowell friends are glad to learn that there is more than a prospect, a hope, of Mrs McMILLAN's ultimate recovery. Mrs. Warren Russell, of Middleville, Mr. McMILLAN's sister, is in Jackson caring for them.

CITIZEN'S MUTUAL
Annual Meeting of the Kent, Allegan and Ottawa Company.

The Citizen's Mutual Fire Insurance company of Kent, Allegan and Ottawa counties held its annual meeting Thursday, Jan. 9th in Putnam hall. The company has been in existence twenty-one years and Secretary D. W. Colburn reported that last year was the most satisfactory and prosperous in the history of the organization. All the old officers were re-elected and all but one of the old directors. The officers elected for the two years were as follows: President and Treasurer—Charles J. Stebbins. Vice President—Robert Alward of Ottawa county.

Secretary—W. Colburn.

The directors elected from Kent county to serve one year: C. H. Carls, to succeed Nelson Holmes, Henry D. Plumb, E. A. Hoag, William McCrodon and J. W. Shisler. The directors elected from Allegan county: G. M. Bolster, J. L. Austin, D. D. Tourtelotte, M. V. B. McAlpine, and James L. Fairbanks. Those elected from Ottawa county were: John Conroy, Robert Alward, and Dirk Van Loon.

The net increase of membership last year was reported to be 109 making a total present membership of 4,372. The increase of risks amounted to \$87,882, making the net amount now at risk by the company \$6,325,608. The losses paid last year amounted to \$137,477 16, of which \$3,190.40 occurred in the previous year.

Secretary D. W. Colburn, who was re-elected Jan. 9th to serve two years, was elected to his present position eight years ago and after serving four years as deputy until one year ago when he was reinstated in the office.

The secretary's report on the condition of the company to be one of unusual prosperity. Their business is in better shape than ever before and the association is \$1,113 ahead of its last year's standing in financial matters.

List of Unclaimed Letters remaining in the Post Office at Lowellville, week ending Jan. 18, 1890:

LADIES.
Miss Anna Preston, Mrs. Nettie Simons, Mrs. Lillian Thomas.

GENTLEMEN.
Lynch Bros., Clarence W. Neiter, Alfred Orth, J. H. Drinker & Co.

Persons claiming the above will please say "Advertised" and give date of this ad.
MARTIN N. HINE, P. M.
Methodist Episcopal Church.

REV. A. P. MOORE, Pastor.

Sunday morning services 10:30 o'clock. Lowellville school 12 m. Epworth League meeting 6:30 p. m. Evening service 7:30 p. m. Every one invited to these meetings.
REV. E. W. DAVIS, Pastor.

DEADLY DISEASE OF THE TIMES.
The Great Increase in the Number of students in Drake university who were arrested a week ago on the charge of robbing graves in the cemeteries at Saylorville and the county poor farm were discharged in police court Monday. The detectives who had them arrested were unable to make a case.

Wife Beater Punished.
Kalamazoo, Jan. 16.—George Garside, a wife beater, was sentenced by Judge Puck to ten years in Jackson prison, the limit of law.

Will Meet at Bangor.
Bangor, Jan. 20.—Michigan spiritualists will hold their annual winter meeting here January 25th and 26th.

Selects San Francisco.
Chicago, Jan. 17.—An announcement was made Thursday morning that the committee of officers of the National Women's Christian Temperance union, appointed to select a location for the next national convention, had decided to accept the invitation from San Francisco.

Sent to Prison.
Owosso, Jan. 17.—Reynolds Rhodes, convicted of abandoning his illegitimate infant child, has been sentenced to two years' imprisonment in the state house of correction.

Hanged Himself.
Niles, Jan. 21.—A. J. Davis committed suicide by hanging himself with a clothline to a trussion in his bedroom. He was 53 years of age, and at one time he was wealthy.

Death of a Pioneer.
Kalamazoo, Jan. 21.—Benjamin M. Austin, aged 77 years, who had lived in this city since 1833, and who formerly owned much valuable property in Chicago, died at his home.

HIS NERVE LEFT HIM.
Feigned Insanity Until Doctors Suspected Swearing.
A special committee of experts was the other day appointed to inquire into the mental condition of an incendiary at Kalamazoo. The committee reported that the man was sane. He feigned madness so well that he almost deceived even the experts. A whole afternoon was given up to an examination and when the doctors returned for a night session one of them remarked: "I think that we shall have to give him ether and saw off the tip of his skull to get at his brain." "No you don't," said the frightened pretender, who then confessed that he had been playing possum.

HAS NO USE FOR BLOOMERS.
Mrs. Logan tells of the shocking costume she saw in Chicago.

Mrs. John A. Logan does not like bloomers and she has her opinion concerning the new woman. "In the first place," said she in response to a query as to what she thought of the new woman, "I think the appellation is offensive. If by the new woman is meant those, either young or old, who have laid aside all restraint in indulging in the sports, and I might say dissipation, supposed to be the prerogative of men, not the least of which is cigarette smoking, I am sorry that her kindred has had her day. I am sorry that her day has come. If on the other hand is meant the intelligent, cultured, broad-minded woman, who has broadened the field of her usefulness and developed her intellectual powers, without doing violence to her heart or lessening her home and family, I say I hail the new woman."

COLORED NATIONAL GUARD.
Chicago Military Organization that Will be Organized in the Near Future.

After five years of effort on the part of its organizers an agreement has been reached whereby the Ninth battalion, Colored National Guard of Chicago, will be mustered into the state service as a part of the national guard. The new battalion will be commanded by Col. Purcell of the governor's staff, came from Springfield the other day and inspected the battalion in its armory, Twenty seventh street. The battalion will be formed by its commanding officer, Maj. J. C. Buckner, and comprises four companies, 261 men all told. Family members of the colored men and their families were present and acquitted themselves well. The adjutant general inspected the men and their equipment individually. When he had finished the inspection he announced that his appearance was excellent and that he would muster it into the service October 1st at Battery D.

The new battalion is a fine body of military-looking men. They have uniforms and will be allowed money therefor because the state will have to furnish them. They will also get \$1.00 a year for armory rental. They already have muskets.

LINEN SALE

Commencing Saturday, Jan. 18, and Continuing the Entire Week Following

We will give the people of Lowell the benefit of such a LINEN SALE as was never seen here before!

We are prepared for it. We were in Chicago last week for the sole purpose of buying Linens for this sale, and brought home More Housekeepers Linen than was ever in Lowell at one time before, and are going to sell them below anything that is offered at the i g Linen Sales at Grand Rapids or anywhere else. If you want now, or are going to want anything in Table Linen or Fine Damask, with apkins to match, Towels, Towelings, or Handkerchiefs,

You Cannot Afford to Miss This Sale!

A. W. WEEKES.

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Have Fully Decided to Close Out Our Entire Stock of Dry Goods, Cloaks, Etc.

Best Table Oil Cloth..... \$0.10	Best Guinea Flannel..... \$0.08	Wool Cloakings..... \$0.20	Children's Heavy Cotton Hose..... \$0.07
Good Shirting Flannel..... 9	Good Cotton Flannel..... 3	All Wool Cloakings..... 40	36 in. Dress Flannel..... 20
Good Shirting Flannel..... 14	Heavy Cotton Flannel..... 5 1/2	Ladies All Wool Hose, worth 40c, now..... 25	46 in. Dress Flannel..... 29
All Wool Shirting Flannel..... 24	Extra Heavy Cotton Flannel..... 7 1/2	Ladies Wool Hose, worth 25c, now..... 17	54 in. Dress Flannel..... 40
Extra Heavy Wool Shirting Flannel..... 35	All Wool Bed Blankets..... 2.19	Ladies Wool Hose, worth 20c, now..... 14	All Wool Novelty Dress Goods, 50c, now..... 30
Good Red Flannel..... 15	All Wool Skirts..... 60	Ladies Cotton Hose, worth 11c, now..... 6	All Wool Novelty Dress Goods, 75c, now..... 49
Heavy Twilled Red Flannel..... 24	Red Mixed Shaker Flannel..... 14	Ladies Cotton Hose, worth 15c, now..... 10	All Wool Novelty Dress Goods, \$1, now..... 72
Extra Heavy Twilled Red Flannel..... 29	Cotton Cloakings..... 12	Ladies Cotton Hose, worth 25c, now..... 19	Coats Cotton, or Richardson's Silk Thread..... 3

Men's, Ladies' and Children's Underwear Regardless of Cost.

You Will Miss the Chance of Your Life if You Don't Take Advantage of this Bonafide Closing Out Sale!

East Side **M. RUBEN & CO.,** Lowell, Mich.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

Edmdale.
Mrs Jas Carr and Miss Sarah Jennings of Lowell visited at J. Lusk's Thursday and Friday.
Cora Canfield and Belle Lusk spent Thursday at East Paris.
Mr Kilter of Illinois called at J. Fletcher's Friday.
Mrs C. W. Lusk is visiting her daughter Mrs C. W. Taylor of Bowne.
We offer all our stoves both new and second hand at prices that will astonish you. **R. QUICK & SON.**
A pair of those soft soles would make a nice present for the baby. Sold by C. M. Findlay.
White's Bridge Breeches.
Mrs Geo. Ring is on the sick list.
Ernest Godfrey, of Alton, spent Friday in this vicinity.
Jay Cooper, of Edmore, is visiting his aunt, Mrs Armo Ring.
Mrs A. H. Norton entertained Mrs Squires, of Stanton, last week.
Bert Norton made a business trip to Greenville one day last week.
Mr Spears, of Grattan, was at Henry Comptons last Thursday.

PETE.

Fancy butter and fresh eggs wanted at Barber & Crow's, for which the highest price will be paid.
The Normandie (a storm arctic) for ladies \$1.00 at Findlay's.

South Boston.

Mr Bloomingdale is ill.
An interesting meeting of the L. D. C. at Alton Saturday is reported by the M. of South Boston Grange.
We have good reasons for saying, a pleasant time was enjoyed by a goodly number at the New England supper given at the hall last week.
A cake and coffee social will be given by the ladies of the missionary society at the home of Mr and Mrs C. Dunn next Friday evening to which all are invited.
P. C. Freeman attended the Pomona Grange at Berlin Center last week with his daughter and reports an interesting meeting.

We offer some great bargains in both new and second hand stoves.
R. QUICK & SON.
A watch is a delicate machine and in making repairs I use the utmost care.
Try me, **U. B. WILLIAMS.**

East Lowell.

Last Saturday about thirteen of the old friends of Mr and Mrs John Cary, from Lake Odessa, came loaded with presents and took Mr and Mrs Cary by surprise. They set Mrs Cary one side and then prepared an elegant dinner to which all did ample justice, after a pleasant visit they took their departure, leaving Mrs Cary some very substantial and nice presents in memory of the event.
C. Bendershott entertained friends from Brooklyn and Lowell last week.
E. G. Hubbel is visiting his son, J. N. Bert Conklin has been on the sick list. Bert and Orel Bendershott are working for Mark Sneathen.
Sour pickles only 5c. per dozen at Barber & Crow's. They are O. K.
Try the Frankfurts at Newt Coons'.
The very best vinegar at Bergin's.
Fancy single chairs, samples, one only of each style at closing out prices, at 41-43 Monroe St., Gd. Rapids.
LUCAS BARKER & Co

Keene News.

The 17th being B. F. Wilkinson's birthday, they invited thirty five of their friends to help celebrate that day. Mr and Mrs Wilkinson were very happy in entertaining their many friends and neighbors and at 2 o'clock the company was invited to the dining room. There were two long tables full of guests and then came the chicken pies and all the goodies that go to make up a dinner, which are too numerous to mention. The second course was ice cream and cider, no wine, no oranges. A merry and happy day and many happy returns.
Mr and Mrs Chas. Williams Sundayed with Mr and Mrs J. Trednick.
Mr and Mrs Alfred Bowen spent Friday with their sister at Orleans.
Mrs Oren Sayles, of Vergennes, has been very sick with the grip, but is gaining now.
Mrs Frank Sayles has been quite sick but is convalescent.
Henry Trednick, of Grand Rapids, visited his father last Monday.
A number of second hand stoves at bargain prices at R. Quick & Son's.
See what A. W. Weekes has to say about Linens in his adv. this week.

South Lowell.

The Misses Lena and Lona Blakeslee, of West Lowell, attended services at the M. E. church Sunday.
Miss Jessie Helreigle and brother, of Freeport, are visiting relatives in this vicinity.
Mr and Mrs Oliver Simpson, nee Clara Rittenger, of East Ada, and William Rittenger and family, of Lowell, spent Sunday with their parents, Mr and Mrs Jno. Rittenger.
Those on the sick list as far as we have heard are, F. J. Laver, J. F. Rittenger and Mrs Keeler, mother of Mrs Jno. Clark and Mrs Chris Kiahn.
M. Behler, of St. Louis, is visiting relatives in this vicinity.
The meetings still continue with a fair amount of interest. Rev. Doty will be here again Wednesday evening to assist. If you wish to have your spiritual strength renewed and strengthened, come and hear him.
Josh Ribble has been able to walk to church twice recently.

Pratt Lake Pebbles.

Arthur Barnes, of the steam barge, "Joce" on Lake Michigan, visited at A. M. Andrews recently.
Levi Fletcher went to Grand Rapids Thursday with a load of eight hogs. They were ten months old, average weight about 304 pounds.
Miss Eva Fletcher, who has been attending the Saranac High school has returned from school life for the present.
Grandma Fletcher, who is now eighty eight years of age, was married 71 years Jan. 18, 1896.
Clarksville, Saranac, Freeport and Edmdale were represented at the social at the Grange Hall Thursday eve. The Freeport Brigade Boys were the entertainment for the evening.
Watch out for the play at the Grange Hall Jan. 31.
We have seen a souvenir bole of cotton which F. T. King brought from the Atlanta Exposition for the cabinet collection of A. M. Andrews, which is a fine curiosity. **GWEN.**
Cedar Fence posts, peeled, from 7c. up at W. J. Ecker & Son's.
Try a can of Hopkins' Steamed Hominy (Bulled Corn). It is delicious. Full qt., 10c.
Wanted: A heavy double harness, call at Martin Bros.

Town Line Tidings.

Miss Emma Thompson, of Newaygo, is visiting her sister, Mrs Clinton Snow.
H. Lane, of Lowell, took dinner with Mr and Mrs U. Snow, Thursday.
Gabe Onan and lady and Wilbur Baras and lady Sundayed with Mr and Mrs Elmer Richmond.
Miss Lulu Stapleton visited Miss Laura Westbrook, Monday.
Alonso Keyes is visiting friends and relatives in this vicinity.
The corner stone for the church was laid one day last week.
Two teams went to Grand Rapids, Monday, for lumber, for the church.
Kinyon and Carey moved the tie mill on the farm owned by W. Heche, the first of the week.
Mrs J. Thibos attended meeting at the W. Lowell M. E. church, Thursday.
A little daughter of Mr DeWilde fell and dislocated one of her shoulders, Monday.
Mrs Batey visited her daughter, Mrs Grant Frazier, Monday.
Miss Anna Onan and Isadora Reynolds are spending this week with Mrs Elmer Richmond, of Vergennes.
OLAY.
Everyone is buying Calumet Baking Powder. You can get it at Barber & Crow's, 25c. per lb.
We are offering all stove at greatly reduced prices at R. Quick & Son's.
Down the River.
Mrs Buttrick spent a few days of last week visiting her daughter, Mrs Headley, in Grand Rapids. She returned home quite sick, but is now much better.
County Com. A. Hamlin Smith visited the school in this district Thursday.
Mrs S. Wunsch returned last Tues. from a weeks visit with her daughters, Mrs A. B. Buck, in Lowell and Mrs Wisner in South Boston.
Miss Edith Washburn of Cascade is staying with Mrs Buttrick for the present.
R. Woodcock and wife entertained a company of about twenty five couple at their home last Friday evening, dancing and cards formed the amusement and all report an excellent time.
Orrin Evans and family spent part of last week with friends at Churkville.
Mrs Fred Alger entertained her aunt, Mrs Vandusen, from Battle Creek, this week.
Many of the farmers in this vicinity are filling their ice houses this week.
Rockers for old and young at J. B. Yester's.

Bowne.

Gardner Warner and family of Dak. are visiting Lewis Boulard and family.
Fannie Weaver visited Logan friends last week.
Arthur Clark and Clayton Johnson attended Grange at Alto Saturday p. m.
Mrs Stahl is entertaining a sister from Pennsylvania.
Miss VanNatten and scholars will give a school exhibition Friday eve, Jan. 31 at Johnson's hall. Everybody cordially invited.
Edith Porritt went to Middleville Friday and had 14 teeth extracted.
Miss Katie Johnson was the pleased victim of a very pleasant surprise Friday eve. About 40 of her friends from this place, Freeport and Harris Creek, participated in the capture and a thoroughly enjoyable evening was spent.
Mary McGinnis is visiting friends in Grand Rapids.
Mrs Peter Bergy and daughter Nellie are visiting relatives in Caledonia.
Mrs John McConnell of Lowell is looking after the interest of her farm this week.
Pearl Saulsbury returned home from Grand Rapids Saturday after a few weeks visit with her sister, Miss Hattie.
Canned goods cheap at Bergin's.

Vergennes Visitor.

We hear the merry jingle of sleigh bells again.
Mrs W. L. Merriman is slowly improving.
Mrs Silas Collar had a slight stroke of paralysis but is improving.
Mrs G. W. Crosby has been a great sufferer from rheumatism again.
New cob crusher at the Alton mills, where you can get your feed ground on short notice at the lowest prices.
Miss Gertie Collins, of So. Lowell, is visiting her friend, Miss Fern Batchelor.
Our goods are marked in plain figures hence "ONE PRICE TO ALL" and that price right. **R. QUICK & SON, Hardware.**
Mr and Mrs A. G. Sinclair and Miss Vera Dean, of Lowell, Sundayed with Irvine Batchelor.
O. H. Choat, wife and son, of Fallsburg were recent visitors at Eugene Lee's.
Mrs E. A. Squires, of Gd. Rapids, is visiting at W. J. Botzen's.
Fred Lee, of Campbell, was the recent guest of his cousin, Glen Lee.
Mrs W. Collins and daughter, Gladys, of So. Lowell, visited Mrs Irvine Batchelor last week.
Miss Cora Lee has been visiting friends at Rockford.
Mrs Allen Robinson has been entertaining her friend, Miss Lizzie Sasher, of Canada.
Mrs S. Lee was a recent guest of her sister, Mrs Abram Krum, of Lowell.
J. S. Brandebery, of Howard City, came down on his wheel last Friday and stayed all night with his old friend G. W. Crosby. He made the trip in five hours.
Try the Alton mills Peerless flour, all wheat Graham, choice bolted meal and pure buckwheat flour.
Mr and Mrs C. Gott and son, Harold, of Lowell, were the guests of their daughter, Mrs Lute Bailey, Monday.
This afternoon (Monday) we found a note in our letter box regarding the Vergennes Aid Society meeting at Rev. Armstrong's, but as there was no name signed to it and we know nothing of the circumstances we do not send it in. All items left in our letter box must be signed to receive attention.
IDA MAY.

The third convention of the Vergennes Township Sunday School Association to be held in Bailey church, Sunday, Jan. 28, 1896. The officers of the Ass'n are Mrs Mary Lavender, President, Nettie Kerr, Secretary and Treasurer. The following program will be carried out:
FORENOON SESSION.
10:00—Devotional Exercises led by Jas Anderson.
10:30—Secretary's Report.
11:30—State Convention Echoes.
11:30—The Loyal S. S. Army, County Sec. E. K. Mohr.
11:45—The Sunday School Teachers Preparation, Mrs Merriman.
AFTERNOON SESSION.
2:30—Song and Praise Services led by County Vice President.
3:30—Temperance and the Sunday School, Rev. Armstrong.
8:30—Discussion—Christian Giving. How it can be taught in the S. S.
4:00—Discussion—How to win Souls for Christ in the S. S., E. K. Mohr.
All are invited.

Excursion Rates.
The Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee and Toledo Saginaw & Muskegon Tys. will make rate of one fare and one-third on the certificate plan to the following places:
Michigan Poultry Association, annual meeting at Grand Rapids Jan. 20, 24th.
Michigan Dairymen's association at Lansing, Feb. 4, 6th.
Photographer's association of Michigan at Detroit, Feb. 15, 17th.
Full information may be had from all agents of this company.

Killed by the Cars.
Pittsford, Jan. 19.—William Bailey, of this place, 15 years of age, was killed by a fast mail train.

MARRIED IN FRANCE.

STORY OF THE GOWER-NORDICA ROMANCE AND ITS SAD END.

Mme. Nordica was a Maine Girl known as Miss Lillian Norton—Mr. Gower was also from Maine—Sketch of His Career. His Phenomenal Success in Telephony.
Lillian Norton, the famous singer, granddaughter of Campmeeting John Allen, was born in Farmington, Me. Her father, Edwin Norton, was a prosperous farmer in that town. Both her father's and mother's families were excellent singers. Lillian attended the Conservatory of Music in Boston to receive a musical education. The excellence of her voice introduced her into the concerts of Gilmore, where she took a prominent part. Thus a way was opened for her to visit Europe and a more complete musical education.
Accompanied by her mother she went to Italy, and was placed under the discipline of the most accomplished musical teachers of Europe. Having finished her course of study and become notable for her power of song, she received an invitation with liberal salary to sing in the Royal opera at St. Petersburg. She went with her mother to Russia.
The manager of the Grand opera of Paris was so pleased with her singing that he gave her an invitation to become the prima donna of the highest seat of song, and by liberal pecuniary rewards sought to obtain her release from her St. Petersburg engagement, but the Russians preferred her voice to the money offered. After she had completed her engagement in the north, she accepted the overtures made her in Paris and made an engagement to sing in the Grand opera.
THE MARRIAGE.
During her residence in Italy her name was changed to Lilia Nordica to suit the Italian style of pronunciation. It was during her appearance as the great American singer in the Grand opera that she became acquainted with her second cousin, Frederick Allen Gower, grandnephew of Campmeeting John Allen. He said: "It was not a case of love at first sight, for it was full seven minutes before I became enchanted with the lovely singer."
The history of this young man is fully as romantic as is the success of Mme. Nordica. He was the son of the Rev. H. B. Gower, a Baptist clergyman, who died in Farmington, Me., leaving a widow and three sons, the eldest 10 and the youngest 6 years old. As the family were left in destitute circumstances, Frederick, the second son, was kindly received and freely supported for a year at the Abbott family school. He had given proof of his activity as an infant by leaping from his nurse's arms, before he was a month old, through an open window without breaking his neck.
As a scholar he was more noted for vivacity than quiet study.
After a year's sojourn at the family school Frederick and his brothers, by the energy and ability of their mother, were gathered into a family home in Providence, R. I. The two elder brothers were fitted by their mother to enter Brown university, and were supported by her at college till they graduated.
George, the eldest brother, became a lawyer, and has served by repeated elections as clerk of the Rhode Island assembly.
Frederick entered upon the profession of journalism, and became city editor of the Providence Journal. He wrote to Professor Bell, the inventor of the telephone, to deliver a lecture at Providence on the new invention. By invitation young Gower went to Boston to assist Bell in the preparation of his lecture.
MR. GOWER'S SUCCESS AND END.
His active and ingenious intellect became intensely interested in the new invention. He contrived to simplify the machinery and to increase the intensity of the magnetic power, using one instead of two batteries, and introducing circular instead of horseshoe magnets, with other devices now used in the Gower-Bell telephone.
Having obtained patents and established the Bell Telephone company, Gower went to France and formed a telephone company there, of which he was president, with a salary of \$25,000. He also obtained patents in Germany and England. In England a company was formed, but the English government took the telephone, as they had the telegraph, as a part of their postoffice service.

lon dollars' worth of telephones for treatment.
After a brief acquaintance these two American celebrities were united in marriage, and Mme. Nordica was released from her engagement at the Grand opera. She came with her husband to America.
Their married life was not a happy one. For sufficient cause Mme. Nordica sued for a separate maintenance, but never for a divorce. While the suit was in progress she left suddenly for Paris, where he had been deeply engaged studying out an invention to employ magnetism in the control of balloons. This he considered the greatest invention of the age, both for military and commercial purposes.
To test the efficiency of some of his plans he undertook in a balloon, alone to cross the Straits of Dover. Since his disappearance from the view of the spectators who witnessed his ascension he has never been seen.—Lewiston Journal.

Lots of Old Folks at Home.
There are now living in one house just inside the village of St. George a family of four persons whose combined ages total up 274 years, as follows: Miss Lizette Mann, 99; Robert Mann, 90; Deacon John Mann, 62; Miss Catherine McBean, 62. These four people are in excellent health.—Kennebec Journal.

The Shrine of Love.
Charlie—What church do you attend service at, Fred?
Fred—Ier—I say, Tom, what church is it Mrs. Sweeney goes to?—EPOCH.

MARRIAGE TOO EASY.

Clergymen Who Would Have the Laws Wisconsin Changed.
Bishop Nicholson, of the Episcopal diocese of Milwaukee, believes the present marriage laws of Wisconsin are a disgrace to the state and he does not hesitate to say so on all occasions. He was more than usually vigorous in his denunciations when speaking on the subject the other day. "If a license were required," said the bishop, "there would be a material decrease in the number of marriages. Outsiders come here because they can be married with little or no preliminary formality and have a pleasant excursion from Chicago thrown in. We should have a license system. Both Illinois and Minnesota have good laws, but in Wisconsin we have no respectable legislation on the subject whatever. A good restrictive law requiring the eligibility of the contracting parties to be vouched for by some responsible person and demanding the payment of a reasonable fee to the state would soon put a stop to this scandalous business."
Rev. Judson Titworth, of Plymouth Congregational church, thought the state law too lax, but also thought the ministers of Milwaukee were responsible for allowing things to reach the present state. "You cannot by law prevent bad marriages," said Mr. Titworth, "but you can by law prevent Wisconsin from being the dumping ground for all the hasty marriages of Illinois. By the time the next legislature meets we shall be too thoroughly ashamed of ourselves to permit it to adjourn without doing something to change the existing state of affairs."

Well-Known Druggist Dead.
Manistee, Jan. 17.—A. H. Lyman, president of A. H. Lyman company, wholesale and retail druggists, died Thursday evening. He was prominent in masonic and society circles.

LOWELL MARKETS.

Wheat, white.....	\$0.64
Wheat, red.....	64
Barley.....	75-1.00
Corn.....	80
Oats.....	80
Rye.....	80
Flour, per hundred.....	1.80
Bran, per ton.....	12.00
Middlings, per ton.....	11.00
Corn Meal, per ton.....	15.00
Corn & Oats.....	16.00
Butter, per lb.....	12
Chickens.....	7-8
Turkeys.....	8-9
Pork.....	34-4
Duck.....	8-9
Eggs, per doz.....	16
Potatoes, per bu.....	15-
Onions.....	20-25
Beans.....	75-1.00
Cabbage, per doz.....	35-50
Apples, per bu.....	50-80